

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A placemat, comprising:

2 a major portion sized to completely underlie a place  
3 setting; and

4 a coaster extension projecting from a peripheral edge  
5 of the major portion and sized to completely underlie a  
6 beverage container.

2. The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the size  
of the major portion is not substantially larger than  
necessary to completely underlie a place setting.

3. The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the  
coaster extension is integrally formed with the major  
portion.

1 4. The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein a shape  
2 of the coaster extension is consistent with a theme  
3 conveyed by a shape of the major portion.

1        5.    The placemat as set forth in Claim 1, wherein any  
2        graphic content on the coaster extension is consistent with  
3        a theme conveyed by graphic content on the major portion.